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1. LABATT THINKS PRIVILEGE OF VISITING U.S. SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE EXTENDED TO LAURIE CARMICHAEL. THERE CAN BE NO USEFUL PURPOSE OF WOODCOCK'S (UAW) THAT CANNOT BE BETTER SERVED BY TRIP OF ANYONE OF SEVERAL METAL TRADES LEADERS WHO DO NOT HAVE CARMICHAEL'S POLITICAL DEFICIENCY.

2. MOREOVER, AS PRECEDENT, LABATT CITES DEPARTMENT REFUSAL TO ISSUE VAIS ON 16 MAY 1966 AND ON LATER DATES FOR ALEC ROBERTSON, EDITOR OF AUSTRALIAN COMMUNIST WEEKLY "TRIBUNE", UNDER SEC. 212A, PARA 27, 28, 29 OF IMMIGRATION AND NATUJGLIZATION LAW.

3. ADDITIONALLY, SINCE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA (PNG) HAS RECENTLY REFUSED VISA FOR ROBERTSON TO VISIT THAT COUNTRY, IT IS SAFE ASSUMPTION THAT PNG WOULD SIMILARLY REFUSE REQUEST FOR VISA FROM CARMICHAEL. IT SEEMS TO LABATT THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE SEEN TO BE DOING SOMETHING FOR THIS TYPE OF APPLICANT, WHEN GOVERNMENT OF AREA IN WHICH THERE IS GROWING U.S. INTEREST PROBABLY WOULD NOT DO SO.

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4. IT IS TRUE THAT CARMICHAEL IS LEADER OF COMMUNIST PARTY OF

AUSTRALIA (CPA), WHICH GROUP IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY ANTI-MOSCOW IT ITS POLICY STATEMENTS, AND, INDEED, SEEMS TO BECOMING MORE TROTSKYIST IN ITS OUTLOOK. EVEN THOUGH WIDENING OF DIVISION BETWEEN THREE COMMUNIST GROUPS IN AUSTRALIA IS DESIRABLE, LABATT THINKS VISIT TO U.S. WOULD NOT ADD TO PROCESS FOR CARMICHAEL.
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